

AF/2183

Patent  
Attorney's Docket No. 009683-353

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Mitsuru OBARA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2183  
Application No.: 09/427,114 ) Examiner: T.L. Meonske  
Filed: October 26, 1999 ) Confirmation No.: 2737  
For: DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM )  
HAVING PLURALITY OF )  
PROCESSORS AND EXECUTING A )  
SERIES OF PROCESSES IN A )  
PRESCRIBED ORDER )

**RECEIVED**

**DEC 18 2002**

**Technology Center 2100**

**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 16, 2002

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is formal drawings of Figs. 18 and 19.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (2801) ☐ \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_, on \_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	24	MINUS 24 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>0.00</b>

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

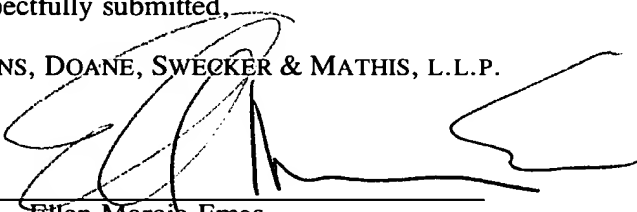
☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

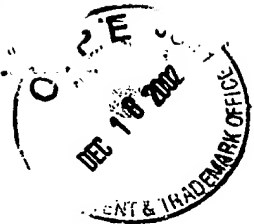
BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

By:

  
Ellen Marcia Emas  
Registration No. 32,131

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620

Date: December 16, 2002



#013  
12/19/02  
(initials)

Patent  
Attorney's Docket No. 009683-353

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Mitsuru Obara et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2183  
Application No.: 09/427,114 ) Examiner: T. L. Meonske  
Filed: October 26, 1999 ) Confirmation No.: 2737  
For: DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM )  
HAVING PLURALITY OF )  
PROCESSORS AND EXECUTING A )  
SERIES OF PROCESSES IN A )  
PRESCRIBED ORDER )

**RECEIVED**  
**DEC 18 2002**  
**Technology Center 2100**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 16, 2002

Sir:

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002 (Paper No. 8). Concurrently filed with this amendment are formal drawings for Figures 18 and 19. Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 1 and 11 as follows:

- BT Sub C1
1. (Twice Amended) A data processing system comprising:  
a plurality of processors for executing a series of different types of processings on data to be processed, in a prescribed order; and  
a memory for storing said data to be processed in association with state information to represent the processing to be performed next, wherein